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Title: DESIGN OF THICK-WALLED COMPONENTS FOR POWER PLANTS FROM CRACK-GROWTH MODELS

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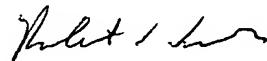
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Title: Design of thick-walled components for power plants from crack-growth models

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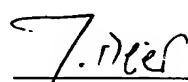
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